



## **G77 and China Group's Joint Declaration on the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of FAO Committee on Forestry**

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Good Morning, Mr. Chairperson,

Kuwait has the honour to deliver this Declaration on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

First of all, we highly appreciate the excellent efforts by FAO in producing such important documents as: The 2022 edition of the State of the World's Forests; the Forests and Sustainable production of Wood and Non-Wood Forest Products, Agriculture and Forestry Linkages, Forest Solutions for Combating Climate Change. All these documents will help our countries in understanding FAO's vision towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Furthermore, we also welcome the action plan for the implementation of FAO Strategy on Climate Change for the period 2022-2031.

Undoubtedly, this living document needs to be regularly reviewed in such a way that reflects the regional needs, priorities and initiatives for Climate action.

Mr. Chairperson,

At the time when we hail FAO's work in forestry under the FAO Strategic Framework for the period 2022-2031, we strongly urge the Organization to develop also regional action plans for FAO's Strategy on Science and Innovation in order to accelerate the process of implementation of FAO Strategic Framework. We fully agree that a strong regional approach will ensure the proposed 4 year' implementation that responds to countries' diverse challenges needs, capacities with respect to science and innovation.

We would like to also note the importance of the FAO Global Fire Platform, therefore the Organization is encouraged to continue with its plans of remote sensing surveys in many countries as much as possible in order to attain the best results and solutions to such crucial issues as afforestation and deforestation and other related issues.

Mr. Chairperson,

With this Statement, we wish that the Distinguished participants in this Session could reach practical and useful recommendations, easily and flexibly applicable to our regional forests as much as possible.

Thank you.